

Within My Lady's Manor NR Historic District

BA-623

MAG-I #0306235335

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Christmas House BCHS #623				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Idle Miss Farm				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: South side Monkton Rd., 0.3 miles west of Carroll Rd.				
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Baltimore		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Christmas				
STREET AND NUMBER: Monkton Rd.				
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Towson		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Bk. #5173, p.207				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historic Sites Inventory, Baltimore County				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div>(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Christmas House is of brick, two storeys, five bays, with a gabled roof and flush end chimneys; its principal front is to the south-east, hereinafter called south. At its east end is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ storey, three bay brick wing, with a flush end chimney. The bond of the principal front of the main house is Flemish, without closers; other portions of the house and its wing are laid in common bond, with every sixth course headers. Cornices are corbeled brick.</p> <p>Windows are 6/6; their blinds are missing. The eight-paneled front door, in the center bay, has a transom, and jambs with one long panel opposite the door, one short panel opposite the transom. Above the north or rear door, a window at mid-storey height marks the landing inside. A cellar entrance at the west end was sheltered by a small gabled roof, now missing.</p> <p>In the center hall, the principal stair rises, with landings, to the third floor. The slim round rail is supported by a turned newel and rectangular balusters; step ends are plain. The two-plain architraves have a small cyma backband; doors have six moulded panels with shallow raises. There are no chair rails. Mantels in each of the single rooms which flank the hall have engaged Tuscan columns supporting a paneled frieze. North of the chimney breast in the easterly room is an original cupboard, with a pair of tall paneled doors above and a pair of shorter paneled doors below. Second storey details are similar to, but simpler than, the first. Except for door hardware, almost all original details remain <u>in situ</u>.</p> <p>In the unfinished attic above the main house, sawn rafters are half-lapped and pegged at the ridge. A board partition immediately east of the stair divided the attic into two rooms. Its door is hung on wooden pintels with wooden strap hinges; pintels are fastened to the jambs, and the hinges are fastened to the door, with large wrought nails. A wooden cased lock completes this door's hardware.</p> <p>In the east wing is a large cooking fireplace with its crane in place. A small fireplace heats the room above. Detailing in the wing is generally of recent vintage, very plain in character.</p> <p>The stone walled cellar extends beneath the main house only. First floor joists are log.</p> <p>The wing, which has no fourth or west wall, but is built against the main house, is probably virtually contemporary with the main house, but its construction was, in swquence, after the main house. The detailing, the split lathe and cut nails, used throughout the house and its general form and character, place it in the 1815-1825 period, closely related, but smaller than, the Partridge House, Andor Farm, Clifford (The Pearce House). Retaining so much of its original work and having experienced no recent changes or remodelings, it is expecially important.</p> <p>The main house measures approximately 20 by 44 feet; the wing measures approximately 18 by 30 feet. North walls are flush.</p> <p>Immediately east of the kitchen stands a gable roofed stone smoke house, approximately 14 feet square.</p> <p>Northwest of the house is a massive barn; its first storey, above grade on its south end and west front, is stone: the tall upper storey, accessible from grade on the long east side, is of hewn timber frame, and it cantilevers over the west stone wall, thus sheltering the many doors</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

Local history

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small brick house is presumably dated in the 1815-1825 period by its architectural form and character and is related to the Partridge House, Ander Farm and Clifford. Actual documentation suggests that it was built between 1825 and 1840.

This house is on lot number 63. This lot was purchased by Edward Oldham in the original 1782 auction sale. (-1) In 1786 a deed was issued to him for this property to the extent of 138 acres. (-2) In 1795 Oldham sold the entire property to Mathias Sparks. (-3) The following year, Mathias Sparks sold it to Elijah Sparks. (-4) There is no structure corresponding to the existing one on this property on the 1798 Direct Federal Tax Assessment.

Elijah Sparks in 1814 transferred this property to his son-in-law Aaron Sparks, the son of Josiah, another property holder on The Manor. (-5) In the 1823 Tax Assessment of District 5 of Baltimore County, this property is listed as belonging to Aaron Sparks and the house on it is valued at \$40.00, certainly not an appropriate evaluation for the existing structure.

On the 1850 map of Baltimore County there is a structure in the appropriate location belonging to Caleb Hunt. Caleb Hunt had purchased lot 58 which adjoined this property in 1844 (-6) and the presumption is that he had built the present house prior to this. This would date this house at some place between 1823 and 1840.

References:

1. Salebook of Confiscated British Property 1781-85, pp. 55-56.
2. Liber WG#Y folio 206
3. Liber WG#TT folio 211
4. Liber WG#VV folio 439
5. Liber WG#128 folio 528
6. Liber TK#339 folio 506

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 119 acres

Acreage Justification:

Acreage owned by present resident comprises farm and is adequate to insure preservation of immediate environment.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.	
ORGANIZATION My Lady's Maner Association	DATE January 1975
STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 1, Box 42	
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

7. Description (cont.)

and windows of that storey. Exterior walls of the upper portions are covered with asbestos shingles.

James T. Wollen, Jr.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE		CODE	
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1957			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		CODE	
PHOTO CREDIT: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.			
DATE OF PHOTO: January 1975			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust			
21 State Circle, Annapolis, Md.			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Southeast (front) facade			

